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VIRUS COMPRISING ALKYL AND ARYL ALANINE P2 MOIETIES

Preliminary Amendment and Statement under Rule 821

Honorable Commissioner of
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Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of the claims, please enter the following Preliminary Amendment. Also enclosed is a paper copy of a Sequence Listing along with a diskette containing the Sequence Listing in computer readable format and a Marked-Up Amendment showing all changes to the specification.

AMENDMENT

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

After the "Abstract of the Invention" please insert the enclosed Sequence Listing on separate sheets.

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